Some German Papers

are giving us a lesson as to the meaning of German unity in this country.

Senator Proctor's Speech

may not please all the money men, but it will satisfy the people of this country that they can no longer afford to look at the terrible state of misery and the murder by starvation right at our very doors, without trying to stop it.

It we know that a man next door is being murdered, and we do not try to prevent it, we become particeps criminis and in part responsible for his death.

And what of the 'Christians?' They are the rich, and, therefore, are mostly all on the side of Spain.

Effects of the Raines Law.

The New York Voice, the prohibition paper, has the following. It is opposed to the Raines Law, and the latter remains, therefore, an exclusively Republican meas ure, as even the prohibitionists do not want to have anything to do with it:

In the face of the claim, formally made by the friends of the Raines law, that that law has decreast crime in New York State, the following figures are interesting. During the six years immediately preceding the enactment of the Raines law the average number of convictions for crime in New York State was 70,037; for 1897, the first full year under the Raines law, the number was 70.925, or 888 more than the average. For the same six years the average number of convictions in courts of record (usually the graver crimes) was 3.477. In 1896, in which year the Raines law was in operation seven months, the number was 3,768, or an increase of 291, and in 1897 under the law's full operation these convictions numbered 4,523, or 1,646 more than the average of the six years preceding.

Ungrateful,

Some Iowa papers, which lately worked for the gold, or rather Republican, prohibition party, have been attacking Governor Boies.

The New York Voice, the national prohibition organ, corrects them. It says:

The opinions expressed are not worthy of any extended notice. They are largely the same old falsehoods about the failure of prohibition with which the public is already familiar and the falsity of which every fair minded student of facts knows. But, as published, these statements are prefaced by the assertion twice elected Governor by the prohibitionists Such a statement is totally false. Prohibition in Iowa never had a worse or meaner enemy than Horace Boies. His detection from the Repub-lican party was largely because of the leaning of the rank and file of that party in Iowa toward prohibition, and it was Horace Boies who, when Democratic Go ernor of the commonwealth of Iowa, sworn to enforce its laws, adopted the anarchistic policy of pardoning every criminal convicted of a violation of the prohibitory law.

Assistant Secretary Day

has said precisely the right thing at precisely the right time. The Spanish Minister having asked him why our Government is buying ships and making other preparations for war, he has replied in Pastance that we are only averting war by getting ready for it; that our preparations for possible conflict have been suggested solely by Spain's preparations to precipitate such a conflict. We do not want war. We shall do every reasonable thing possible to avert war. But if war is to come we do not intend to be unprepared for it.

This is exactly our national position. We shall not provoke war; but if war is torced upon us we shall be ready for it and not be taken unawares.

"The Equivalent of Independence,"

General Grosvenor says that under the Wall Street plan of peace by purchase Cuba will get "the equivalent of independence."

But what is the "equivalent of independence" to a people who have been oppressed and persetheir women and old men and helpless young children deliberately starved to death by Spanish orders? What would George Washington, Nathaniel Green, Mad Anthony Wayne, Ethan Allen and Sumpter and Marion have regarded as "the equivalent of independence" if anybody had tried to dicker with them for sur-

render. The Cubans can make no bargains with Spain. They have learned by bitter experience that Spain does not and will not and cannot keep faith. They laid down their arms and ended the ten years' war upon Spain's solemn pledge of the "equivalent of independence." They found that they had been dealing with an enemy as taithless as it had been cruel.

They promised home rule and representation in the Cortes at Madrid The home rule proved to be the arbitrary rule of Spanish merchants and their clerks, under merciless military tyrants. The representation in the Cortes was o hedged about with limitations | must be free!-it will act in the

Spaniards who aspired to repreent him.

The Wall Street plan may find favor in certain precincts at Washington. It can find none in Cuba. There is for Cuba no possible 'equivalent of independence," and with the vultures picking the bones of the Maine's sailors there ought to be none within the purview of American minds.

An Echo of the Virginius Atrocity,

The word Virginius suggests one of the greatest national outrages ever allowed to go unavenged. It also suggests a sequel of dishonor which had two parts, both of which have especial interest at the pres-

The Virginius outrage was bad enough in itself, but was allowed to darken the pages of American diplomatic history with an exhibition of supineness rarely equaled, For the most part our State Department, from the Secretaryship of Thomas Jefferson down, has had at the head of it statesmen combining dauntless courage with admirable tact. But the Virginius affair was a national disgrace, and in the light of current events, a striking instance of a blunder worse than a crime.

It was the last day of October, 1873, that two rebel privateers, built in the same British shipyard, met in the Carribean Sea. One, the Virginius, flew the flag of the United States, the other, the Tor nado, sailed under the flag of Spain. The Tornado attacked the Virginus and captured her. The examination showed that the registry of the Virginus was under the United States; in other words, that she had a right to unturl at her masthead the Stars and Stripes. Release and apology should have tollowed. Instead of that the Tornado took her prize into the nearest Spanish harbor, Santiago de Cuba, the next day, under charge of privateering in the interest of the Cuban rebels. A mock court was convened, the American consul at the port being imprisoned in the consulate, and the condemnation and execution of captain passengers and crew began. The work of death was in sections. The first batch consisted of four passengers. They were shot Nov. 4. Three days later twelve more passengers were murdered in the same way. The next day Captain that ex-Governor Boies has been a leading prohibitionist of Iowa and was thuttersix of the creek and thirty-six of the crew were executed, making fifty-three in all, many of them, besides the commander,

> murderous proceedings. The horror itself furnished an opportunity to free Cuba in vindication of our national honor. That opportunity was frittered away. From that time to this Spain has felt contempt for the United States, believing that its flag can be insulted and its citizens killed, and only a small diplomatic cour-

being citizens of the United States.

Not a man would have escaped, but

at that time a British man of war

came along and put a stop to the

tesy to be given as a reparation. The lesson of the hour from the sequel, or sequels, to the Virgin ius horror is plain. Nor do we believe that President McKinly question to deal with at this day, no Maine horror, nor any "concentradoes" if the Virginius horror had been treated as became courage.

Peace with-a But.

At three important crises in its history this nation has stood for peace with-a but.

On July 4, 1776, the "represen-America, in General Congress assembled," adopted the immortal Declaration that they were for peace-but "the United Colonies cuted? A people who have seen are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States." And in support of this they solemnly pledged their lives, their fortunes of her husband's death. Knowing that and their sacred honor.

> After seven years' war they secured peace with honor and independen :e. In 1812 the United States noti-

fied Great Britain that this country preferred peace-but the freedom of our ships must be respected. After a two years' fight, marked

by glorious vic ories on sea and lake, American ships were forever free from search and American seamen secure from seizure.

In 1861 Lincoln told the seced ing Southern States that he loved peace-but the Union must be pre-

The most terrible war of the century was tought to make good that one condition of peace and honor and safety.

And so now, when our Governmen', representing and responding to the will of the people, shall say to Spain:

Let us have peace-but Cuba pon eligibility and suffrage that straight line of historic precedent

Farce comedy writers have hit upon many novel subjects for their caricatures. but it remained for the author of "The Star Gazer" to soar above all others, and take no less inspiring theme than the heavens for his satire. It deals with the hobby of the man with the telescope, and the love smitten maiden -both star gazers-one searching the heavens in the interest of science, the other earnestly searching for a response to the tender sentiments within her soul. The plot is very simple, the dialogue is said to be witty, the situations funny, and advantage is taken of the abundant opportunities in each act for the introduction of specialties. The particular star is Mr. Joe Ott, who is not unknown to local theatre goers, as he has appeared in stellar roles in some of the comedy successes. In his support are Miriam Martell, Phil Ott, Leona Cardona, Rosa Hale, Gladys Clare, Tim Cronin, W R. Harris and Beatrice Bonner. "The Star Gazer" will be seen for the first time in this city at the Academy of Music Monday evening

THEATRICAL:

Monday evening, March 21st, the stage of the National Theatre will be occupied by George Boniface, jr., Anna Belmont, Kathryn Osterman, Mrs. E. A. Eberle, Wm. Rernard, J. W. Cope, Mattie Ferguson, Annie Haines, Florence Robinson, Reuben Fox, George Ober and Cecil Kingston, who return to Washington to again illustrate George H. Broadhurst's roaring farce "What Happened to Jones." It is said to be very bright andgentertaining and well presented. The Jones of the story is a drummer of hymn books and playing cards. He gains the knowledge that I benezer Goodly is a staid professor of anatomy, has attended a boxing match in company with his son-in law, and that the place was raided. When Goodly flees to his home he follows after him, and, bringing himself in danger of being arrested, buys his safety at the price of his silence. He is protected by being put into the coat of a bishop who is expected to visit the home, but this only adds to his embarrassment because of a maiden lady in the household who is waiting to be claimed by the bishop.

STORY OF "BLUE JEANS,"

AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK.



The scenes of Mr. Joseph Arthur's most successful play are laid in the suburbs of Rising Sun, which is situated on the Ohio River, in the southern portion of Indiana, in what is known as the "Blue Jeans" "deestrikt." The play opens upon one of those beautiful Indiana sunsets, whose glorious beauty and splendor James Whitcomb Riley has so ably described; the old village cobbler Jacob Tutewiler is working at his bench while his wife Cindy is bustling about preparing retreshments to be served during a political oration, which is to be will fail to heed the warning. delivered by Perry Bascom, a young There would have been no Cuban | and wealthy saw mill proprietor, who has settled in Rising Sun, the early home of his father, and is now candidate for Congress under the mentorship of Col. Henry Clay Risener, who is anxious to serve his fellow citizens in the Legislathe honor of the United States and ture, Jacob Tutewiler mourns the loss the demands of common sense and of his daughter Lucy, who eloped with an uncle of Perry Bascom and died in the poor house, leaving a daughter, who next appears on the scene as "June," the poor house waif, whom old Tutewiler adopts. Col. Risener is booming the campaign with the assistance of the local musical organization, the Rising Sun Roarers, and is making a strong fight for election against the opposition polittatives of the United States of ical faction, but is defeated by Bascom's talling a victim to the charms of Sue Eudaly, known as "the Belle of Rising Sun," an adventuress, who he honestly but secretly marries, she abandoning her rural lover Ben Boone, who in revenge becomes his successful political

> Bascom soon discovers Sue has been married before, but there is no record she has committed bigamy, he leaves her and marries June, but foolishly conceals his former alliance from her.

Sue becomes insanely jealous and in seeking revenge finds a useful ally in Ben Boone, who is now Bascom's engineer, whom she incites to kill Bascom by saying: "He is the only one who stands between us." Ben, with the ealousy of a madman, awaits his opportunity, which comes one day in the mill when the hands have gone to vote. He accosts and insults Perry and the angry men soon come to blows; during the scuffle which ensues Ben strikes Perry with a billet of wood, knocki g him senseless and places him on the frame so that he will be sawed apart in no time. June is locked in the office. She batters down a door and gets out just in time to save her husband. For ten minutes after the curtain falls on this scene, a pistol shot could not be heard in the theatre. Beads of perspiration broke out upon the foreheads of strong men and women

were white with excitement. After a trial of Boone for attempted murder, acquitted by Perry's testimony to the effect that Ben acted in selfdetense, he goes away in search of Sue's hasband, Dick White. He is successful. Three years pass before he returns to find himself a father and June the only pon eligibility and suffrage that straight line of historic precedent on Cuban could be elected, and almost no Cuban could vote even to choose between the antagonistic humanity.

| Straight line of historic precedent and line that fine him, It is one who still has faith in him, It is forgings. Blank proposals will be furnished upon application to the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., or to the Bureau.—EDWIN STEWART, Paymaster Choose between the antagonistic humanity.

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wiler, a lew York minstrel man, a runaway son of Cindy and Jacob Tutewiler, as from the dead he comes to denounce Sue and restore peace.

As the action progresses, the village band, a male and female chorus of country folks, and a calf (to be served up at a barbecue), are effectively intro duced. The marriage of Col. Risener to the widow Samantha Hankins, one of lune's old friends, is a humorous episode, heightened by the antics of the widow's son, Isaac, at the dinnertable scene in Bascom's house, when told to 'act just like the gentlmanly Perry," imitates his every movement even to kissing June. Much amusement is also afforded in the final scene by old Tutewiler's discovery that his daughter Nell is a leading tady in a New York theatre instead of New York society's eading lady, and that his son has be come a negro minstrel in the city of New York instead of a minister of the gospel as he fondly supposed.

Last of Local Option in Ohio. COUNTY LOCAL OPTION has just been declared a failure in Harrison County, one of the only two Ohio counties which has experimented with this undesirable feature of government. The Anti-Saloon League succeeded in having the people in every town and township vote the saloons out and with their exit came the blind pigs, barroom druggists, speak-easies and boot-leggers which always follow in the wake of the League, and the local tax rate bobbed up to \$2.68 from \$2.40 in Cadiz, the county seat, as a result of the loss of Dow Tax. Now that the people have had a full and fair demonstration of what Local Option means, they are thoroughly disgusted. and at the primaries held at Cadiz last week, the candidates of the Anti-Saloon League were beaten, which means that the reign of hypocrisy and false pretensions is at an end

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The March number "Book of the Royal Blue," issued by the Passenger Department of the B. & O. R. R. is dedicated to the teachers of the United States, account of their annual meeting to be held at Washington next July. This issue contains twenty-five superb half tones from recent photographs of the National Capital, with valuable suggestons to visitors intending to go to Washington. There is also a special illustrated article on the Congressiona Library. This edition is made doubly interesting as it contains a descriptive article on the U. S. S. Maine, turnished by the Navy Department and illustrated with official photographs of the ill fated vessel before she went to Havana, and also the morning after the explosion. The latter photograph was brought by Lieut Hood, of the Maine, the day after the disaster, and it was sent by Admiral

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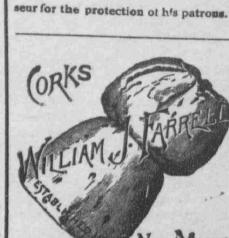
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